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SUBJECT: EXPORT LICENSES FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT

1. POLICE AUTHORITIES (ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY) ANXIOUS TO HAVE THREE ORDERS FOR NON-LETHAL EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH END-USER CERTIFICATES WERE SIGNED SEPTEMBER 19, 1977, FILLED SOONEST. LOCAL AGENT STATES ALL THESE SUBMITTED TO MUNITIONS CONTROL FOR LICENSES IN LATE OCTOBER 1977.

2. INVOLVED ARE SMITH AND WESSON ORDERS FOR ONE USA MODEL MARK 12 PEPPER FOG GENERATOR, COMPLETE FORMULATION (CN, CS, SUPER CS, INERT SMOKE AND FLUSH MIX), AND 20 MARK VII CHEMICAL BATONS WITH 25 REPLACEMENT KITS. THIRD ORDER CONSISTS OF 12 BILLYS, MODEL 305, OVERALL LENGTH 9'5" WITH 100 CARTRIDGES, TYPE 307, MODEL CNM39. THIS ORDER PLACED THROUGH FEDERAL LABORATORIES, INC.

3. EMBASSY URGES ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR NUMBER OF REASONS: A) PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS A REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY WITH NO CHARGES OF REPRESSION VOICED AND NATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD ONE OF WORLD'S BEST; B) THIS NON-LETHAL EQUIPMENT INTENDED BASICALLY TO PREVENT OR BREAK UP LARGE CLAN OR TRIBAL FIGHTS WHICH ENDEMIC TO PARTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND WHICH TAKE PLACE IN OPEN SPACES
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WHERE SERIOUS OVERDOSAGES OF GAS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE;
C) BILLYS ARE WANTED MOST URGENTLY. THEY ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER TOP PEOPLE FOR ADDED PROTECTION IN THEIR HOMES. DESPITE ALARMING INCREASES IN URBAN CRIME, PNG POLICE REMAIN UNARMED. CONSEQUENTLY, GPNG DESIRES TO HAVE EXTRA, BUT NON-LETHAL, PROTECTION WHICH THESE ITEMS WOULD AFFORD.

4. EMBASSY CAN SEE NO VALID REASON FOR WITHHOLDING EXPORT
PERMITS OF THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO UNARMED
POLICE IN A NON-REPRESSIVE STATE WITH AN EXCELLENT RECORD
OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.
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